



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
10/10/2020	H 2020/21 2 3 YMCA	14:45	
EUGENE MAGEE (1), EDWARD ROWE (1)			

Following their away trip to Glenanne last week Banbridge entertained Dublin YMCA at havelock park, with the visitors having won their first two matches.

Bann were missing 3 players through injury Charlie Rowe, Peter Brown and Josh Moffett.

The home side started the 1st quarter slowly and were 2nd best in most aspects with the visiting team high on confidence, Philip Brown attacked down the right hand side, but nothing came from these driving runs.

Alexander Tinney was composed in defence and cleared any dangerous attacks early on, but Bann were getting overrun in midfield. From one of the visitors attacks it was only great work back by captain Eugene Magee which halted an attack on the Bann goal. Later in the first quarter Bann did create a few chances, Owen Magee and Dane ward both went close to giving Bann the lead. With 5 mins left in first quarter YM took the lead following good play. Bann went into the break after the 1st quarter 1 nil down.

Bann started better in the 2nd quarter with young Chris curry winning a short corner. But the corner was not stopped, and this seemed to set the tone for Bann's short corners for the rest of the match.

Sammy Farson was playing well, and he turned defence into attack with a pass into circle which Chris Curry couldn't quite control. Owen Magee was attacking down the left side and fired in a cross on the reverse but there was no one in the circle attacking the visitors' goal.

The visitors then broke up field and Bann failed to clear the danger and YM went 2 nil up.

Bann won another short corner which was slipped left but went harmlessly out over the base line, from this YM went forward again and won a corner from a poor Bann tackle, they scored the short corner and Bann were now 3 nil down.

This seemed to prompt Bann to get back into the game, and before half time Bann scored, again Philip Brown drove in from the right hand side slipped the ball to Luke Witherow who calmly found Eugene Magee in the circle and the skipper made no mistake.

After half time Bann started on the back foot, the visitors won a short corner which was saved by Luke Roleston. Sammy Farson continued attacking on the left from deep and won Bann another short corner with 9 minutes left in the quarter, but a poor drag saw an easy save and clearance by YM. Edward was attacking well in this quarter and from one driving run down the left he managed to squeeze the ball across the goal line but there were no Bann attackers there to apply the finishing touch.

Bann were now applying all the pressure and once again Philip Brown was a threat down the right hand side, he dribbled along the bye line and crossed the ball to Edward Rowe on the back post and he coolly flicked the ball into roof of the net. Bann were now 1 goal down going into the final quarter.

In the final quarter Bann were continuing to push for an equaliser, the visitors were doing everything to break down Bann's attacks and from one of these YM were down to 10 men after a bad challenge.

With an extra man and 1 nil down Bann were guilty of sitting too deep and not pushing men forward in attack. With six minutes



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left Eugene Magee won another short corner. He fired a rocket on target, but the visitor's keeper made an excellent save and diverted the shot over the cross bar. With the match coming to an end Bann won yet another corner which on another day could have been a stroke. The visitors blocked the Bann drag flick and the final whistle blew.

Bann face a tough away trip to Monkstown next weekend.

Banbridge squad: Luke Roleston, Edward Rowe, Luke Witherow, Alexander Tinney, Hugh McShane, Bruce McCandless, David Finlay, Eugene Magee, Ben Wallace, Philip Brown, Sam Farson, Mark Cowan, Drew Carlisle, Dane Ward, Owen Magee, Louise Rowe, Chris Curry

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